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: SHOCK ABSORBING STEERING COLUMN OF LOW TILT TYPE

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

- U.K. Patent Publication No. GB 2,365,826 to YABUTSUKA et al., which published on February 27, 2002, and is discussed on page 2 of the specification;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,720,496 to RIEFE et al., which issued on February 24, 1998, and is discussed on page 2 of the specification;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,706,704 to RIEFE et al., which issued on January 13, 1998, and is discussed on page 2 of the specification;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,019,391 to STUEDEMANN et al., which issued on February 1, 2000, and is discussed on page 2 of the specification;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,899,116 to ARMSTRONG et al., which issued on May 4, 1999, and is discussed on page 2 of the specification; and
 - U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-0094062 to LEE, which published on May

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents. A copy of the U.K. patent document is attached and all the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. published patent application are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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